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In re the Application of: **Makoto TOMIOKA et al.**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2004, Applicants amend the claims as follows and submits the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.